

Kaleidoscope - Level B Assessment Guide BLM

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Grade Level P4 - 3rd Grade

Readability Level

Course / Content Reading

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Content	The Assessment Guide Blackline Masters book contains exercises that measure student understanding of selections in the Student Reader, reading and language arts skills presented in each lesson, and unit themes. Lesson Assessments are administered upon completion of each lesson in the Kaleidoscope Teacher's Edition and Student Reader. In addition to selection-specific assessments, Unit Assessments are also provided.
Student Experiences	Students review lesson and unit concepts as they complete assessment worksheets that include multiple-choice and extended response items. For the first three units of study, teachers read assessment items aloud as students follow along silently; in the final three units, students read the questions and any answer choices independently.
Assessment	Worksheets in the Assessment Guide Blackline Masters book measure student understanding of each selection in the Student Reader as well as the reading and language arts skills featured in the lesson. The comprehension strategies that are assessed include Making Connections, Asking Questions, Predicting, Visualizing, Monitoring and Clarifying, Monitoring and Adjusting Reading Speed, and Summarizing. Unit Assessments, which are administered throughout the course of a unit, gauge students' understanding of unit concepts.
Organization	The organization of assessments in the Assessment Guide Blackline Masters book corresponds with the order of units and stories in the Student Reader. For each selection in the Student Reader, the Assessment Guide includes a four-page assessment. A Unit Assessment follows the last Lesson Assessment in each of the six units. Unit Assessments also consist of four pages, beginning with a brief story that relates to the unit theme. The three remaining pages of the Unit Assessment include exercises and questions that assess students' understanding of the story as well as general unit concepts.
Resource Materials	The Assessment Guide Annotated Teacher's Edition provides answers to exercises on the student worksheets. The Kaleidoscope Teacher's Edition includes guidelines for administering each Lesson and Unit Assessment.

Gratis Items to be provided and under what conditions

Available Ancillary Materials The Assessment Guide Blackline Masters are also available in a consumable workbook format.

Research Data and Evidence of Effectiveness

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Research Available

Overall Strength and/or Weaknesses

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Recommendations: This material was reviewed as part of the Kaleidoscope Intervention Reading Program. It is recommended that this program be included on the Kentucky State Textbook Adoption List.

Summary Form

I.	Technology Component Summary	0.00
	Student stories were presented in both CD and audiocassette format. No management program available online or in CD format.	
I.	Reading Content Summary	1.9299999999999999
	Good variety of selections that are well organized and developmentally appropriate to hold the interest of older students with reading difficulties.	
II.	Writing Content Summary	1.17
	This program does not have a fully developed writing program included because it is mainly a reading intervention program. Many missed opportunities to make meaningful writing connections in this program.	
III.	Grammar and Spelling Content Summary	1.69
	A strong phonics and grammar strand are included. Could not find an electronic dictionary.	
IV.	Listening /Speaking / Observing Content Summary	2.00
V.	Inquiry Content Summary	
	No inquiry component found in this program.	
VI.	Technology Content Summary	
	Student texts are recorded on cassette tapes as well as CDs. No interactive student games or reading comprehension activities included.	
VII.	Audience: Teacher Materials Content Summary	1.45
	Easy to follow format that includes several teaching suggestions.	
VIII.	Audience : Student Materials Content Summary	1.89
	The illustrations / photos and the story text were appropriate for older readers. No poetry or drama was included.	
IX.	Format Content Summary	1.86
	Easy to read student texts and teacher materials. All color coordinated at each level.	
X.	Ancillary Materials Content Summary	1.83
	Satisfactory amount of ancillary materials included.	

READING CONTENT

Stories consist of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama included.

WRITING CONTENT

Limited instruction is given in this reading intervention program for authentic writing instruction.

GRAMMAR AND SPELLING

Could not find an electronic dictionary.

LISTENING / SPEAKING / OBSERVING

INQUIRY

TECHNOLOGY CONTENT

The only technology component to the Kaleidoscope Program consists of CD and audiocassettes of recorded stories that come with the program.

AUDIENCE: TEACHER MATERIALS

Focus is on reading development.
Emphasis is on reading instruction.

AUDIENCE: STUDENT MATERIALS

Good selection of fiction and nonfiction. No poetry or drama is included.

FORMAT

ANCILLARY MATERIALS

Online resources are available through SRA, but not directly through the Kaleidoscope program.